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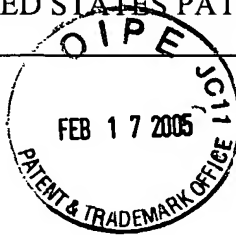
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 27, 2004, Applicant hereby provisionally elects, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 46-65) in the present application.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement since the subject matter of all of claims 46-67, is sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the elected claims would necessarily encompass a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and that the present application be examined according to MPEP § 803 so as to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to the Applicants and improper duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

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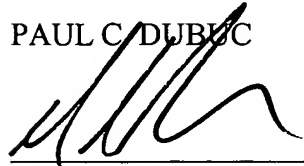
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